

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2067 - SB 2078

April 2, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all BEP and other state funds appropriated by the General Assembly or otherwise allocated to ensure or promote classroom Internet connectivity and/or technology access to be paid by the state directly to the respective LEAs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

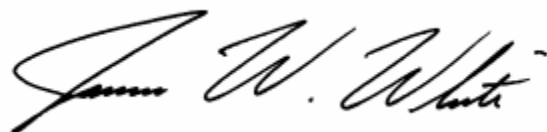
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Currently, funds are withheld on a prorata share from the BEP to help pay for the ConnectTEN contract.
- The Department of Education withholds \$1,458,400 from the BEP allocations to pay for this service.
- In addition, the department contributes approximately \$4,800,000 to provide this service to LEAs.
- The effect of the bill would be to route funds to the LEA to pay the Internet Service Provider (ISP) directly, rather than the state paying the ISP directly via the contract.
- For purposes of this estimate, it is assumed that the department would not withhold the \$1,458,400 from BEP funds but would send that amount to the LEAs; and, in addition, would send \$4,800,000 in state funds to the LEAs which is also being used to pay for this service.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director